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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: H.R. 9705, Special Prosecutor Bill

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1. On 15 May [] OLC, talked with Robert Carlstrom, OMB, concerning the subject bill. The following day the undersigned discussed our views letter on the bill with Mr. Carlstrom. The letter was sent to OMB for clearance on 18 October 1977. Mr. Carlstrom said that the White House (Cy Lazarus) will not permit the letter to be sent to the House Judiciary Committee. Their reasons were fourfold:

--the eleventh hour approach (the bill was being marked up that day) would look silly;

--the Committee would not accept the amendment;

--they are worried about creating problems with the Committee (probably because of H.R. 1 repercussions); and

--they disagree with our proposed amendment.

He also passed along their apologies for failing to act on our letter earlier.

2. Mr. Carlstrom further indicated that the White House was willing to support us in seeking a floor amendment. I suggested that we should meet with representatives of OMB and the White House to work this out, and he agreed.

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3. [] OGC, has been contacted; and he believes that an amendment to the bill is necessary.

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